

Expression of Interest in the role of PMNCH Board Co-Chair
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United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

USAID is pleased to submit this expression of interest to serve as the PMNCH Board Co-Chair, representing the Donors & Foundations (D&F) constituency from April, 2015 to December, 2016.

We view this leadership role as timely opportunity for further strengthening the D&F Constituency's engagement in the governance, strategic directions and operations of PMNCH, particularly as the Partnership embarks on the development of its Post-2015 strategic framework.

We also recognize that as the leading global multi-stakeholder partnership on reproductive, maternal, newborn and adolescent health (RMNCAH), PMNCH has a critical role to play in ensuring that the current global momentum on women's, children's and adolescents' health is sustained over the coming year and further amplified in the post-2015 era of development. Sustaining this momentum will require strong coordination and alignment of our collective contributions – both within our own constituency and across the Partnership - in shaping *PMNCH's 2016-2020 Strategic Framework*, the development of an updated *2016–2030 Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health* as well as the ongoing work on developing the *Global Financing Facility*. Given its active engagement in all of these spheres, USAID is well-positioned to take up the role of Board Co-Chair of the D&F constituency at this critical juncture in the evolving RMNCAH landscape.

In line with our Government's firm commitment to ending preventable child and maternal deaths, USAID has been strengthening and aligning its own country programs, with a view to further accelerating and maximizing their impact, while also intensifying our engagement in key global forums.

USAID greatly appreciates the opportunity to serve as Chair of the D&F Constituency (effective January 1, 2015) during this important period of transition. As D&F Constituency Chair, we will continue to work closely with partners in aligning our priorities, resources and strategies towards ending preventable child and maternal deaths. Serving as Board Co-Chair will provide an additional opportunity to work closely with the Board leadership in ensuring that our joint priorities and contributions are well aligned with those of PMNCH's other constituencies and the Partnership at large.

USAID hereby nominates Deputy Assistant Administrator for Global Health and Maternal and Child Survival Coordinator (a.i.) Ms. Katie Taylor to serve as PMNCH Board Co-Chair. Ms. Taylor has been actively engaged in PMNCH's governance and operations as a member of the PMNCH Board since December 2013. Given her exceptional leadership skills, strong support of the Partnership's work and her personal commitment to the health of women, children and adolescents, we believe that Katie Taylor is an outstanding candidate for this important role.

USAID is prepared to invest the additional time and staff resources required to support Katie Taylor in fulfilling the responsibilities of Board Co-Chair, as well as our role as Chair of the D&F Board Constituency over the coming year.

We hope that D& F Constituency members will support USAID's candidacy as PMNCH Board Co-Chair and look forward to continue working closely with all of you and the Partnership at large in advancing our common mission of ending preventable child and maternal deaths.